

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AUSTIN, TX

Call to Order

By order of the Commander and pursuant to the constitution and by-laws, Article IV, Section 1, of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas, I, Kevin Winkelmann, Detachment Adjutant, do hereby call all members of the Detachment Executive Committee to convene on Saturday January 22, 2022 at 9:00AM and Sunday January 23, 2022 at 9:00AM in the Amphitheater at the Austin SouthPark Hotel in Austin, Texas.

Meeting and Hotel News

Where: The Amphitheater, Austin SouthPark Hotel, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, TX 78744
512-448-2222. Room rates are approx. \$119.00 per night plus tax.

All room reservations must be made by January 2, 2022

When: Saturday January 22, 2022 @ 9:00AM

Sunday, January 23, 2022 @ 9:00AM

Agenda

You will find the agenda for the meetings enclosed

Commander's Comments

Please see the enclosed letter from Detachment Commander Arista for his notes and words of encouragement

Adjutants Notes

Please make sure all Officers, Chairman and District and Squadron Commanders address changes are reported to me as soon as they occur. This includes e-mail addresses. Please e-mail all correspondence if possible. All Squadrons and Districts need to make sure their certification of officers is turned in as soon as possible. This will help with our mailings. The minutes from the 2021 Fall DEC are enclosed. Please read them and bring all corrections to this meeting in January. Our special guest for this meeting, as of this call letter, will National Commander, Michael Fox, from the Detachment of California. The next Detachment Convention will be held in Austin, Texas the weekend of July 9-11, 2022. Our special guest for that date will be Sons of The American Legion National Vice Commander Juan Torres. Please make plans to be at the Detachment Convention

Finance

Remember, all reimbursements must have an attached voucher signed by the Commander and the Finance Officer. I plan to send out my emails to confirm your plans to attend the Mid-Winter DEC over the Christmas weekend. If you wish to receive your call-in at the meeting, you must reply within one week. If you do not receive the email from me, please send me a note of your plans to smslaughter@sbcglobal.net or call me at 817-946-4506. Remember to receive a call-in you must be a

Detachment Officer, Detachment Committee Chairman, District Commander or a Past Detachment Commander. You must answer roll call on Saturday and Sunday and if you are assigned a committee, you must attend the committee meeting. If you have any other questions, my contact information is listed below:

Home - 817-946-4506

E-Mail - smslaughter@sbcglobal.net

Steve Slaughter, Detachment Finance Officer

Internet

If you have information on events, benefits, etc. happening at your home post, please e-mail the information or a flyer to me so I can post it on the web site and get the word out across Texas. The only way the Detachment will know what is happening in this great state is if you supply the information. I look forward to hearing from each of you and receiving many fliers.

Gary Winters-Internet Chairman
Webmaster

Department Headquarters Policy

There have been some changes at Department Headquarters that we all need to observe. From this day forward or until further notice, these are the new policies that have been mandated. If anyone or any Squadron has complaints, concerns, issues or needs information concerning membership or any other matter, all comments and/or questions must go through the Detachment Adjutant, Kevin Winkelmann, or if he is not available next through Detachment Commander Tom Arista or Department Advisor, Henry Creech. All items must be in letter form or by e-mail, if possible. Adjutant Winkelmann can be reached at 281-541-8642 cell, 817-994-7394 cell, 713-896-4775 fax or e-mail at knwink@msn.com. Commander Arista can be reached at 214-306-1598 or e-mail at toma5thdistson@gmail.com. Please follow these new rules so we do not create more issues at Department Headquarters. Failure to follow these rules will only delay your answers and create more controversy. Also, please remember, the SAL Detachment of Texas, now has an office to use when you are in Austin. Please see Dept. Adjutant Bill West for entry to this office. There is a computer set up in the office for your use also.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

OPENING SESSION, SATURDAY JANUARY 22, 2022-----9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER-----COMMANDER ARISTA

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS JENNINGS

INVOCATION-----CHAPLIN ED PARNELL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----DIVISION 3 COMMANDER RICH HUNTLEY

PREAMBLE-----DIVISION 4 COMMANDER KEN DORSETT

ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

READING OF MINUTES-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN

SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS-----NEC KINGSTON

GREETINGS FROM SPECIAL GUEST AND SPEAKERS

GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Immediately following recess of meeting)-----LOCATION TBD

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEC-----JON KINGSTON

INTERNET-----GARY WINTERS

LEGISLATIVE-----MILTON CHATHAM

VE & E-----THOM SKELLEY

AMERICANISM-----ED PARNELL

VA & R-----BRET KLEESPIES

CHILDREN & YOUTH-----TRACY WOOD

CWF-----SHANNON BOYCE

PUBLIC RELATIONS-----DUSTIN MOORE

MARKETING-----RAY HARTLINE

CONVENTION CITY-----LEWIS ELAM
BOYS STATE-----TRAVIS ARREAGA
AWARDS-----ROYACE FOWLER
PUFL-----KEVIN WINKELMANN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP-----EDDY SEEGER
FINANCE-----CLIFTON GUILLORY

ADJOURN UNTIL 9:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING

RECONVENE, SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 2022-----9:00 AM

POST COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS JENNINGS
CALL BACK TO ORDER-----COMMANDER ARISTA
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-----DIVISION 1 COMMANDER ED PARNELL
PREAMBLE-----DIVISION 2 COMMANDER CLIFTON GUILLORY
ROLL CALL-----ADJUTANT WINKELMANN
COMPLETION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, IF NECESSARY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION-----CHAPLAIN ED PARNELL

RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS-----SGT-AT-ARMS JENNINGS

ADJOURNMENT-----COMMANDER ARISTA

FALL DETACHMENT EXECUTIVE MEETING AUSTIN, TX---SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Commander Arista. Colors being in place, a right-hand salute was given. Following the pledge to our flag, the prayer and the reading of the preamble, the meeting was called into session at 9:16. Roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for 4th Division Commander(E), Historian(E), Alt. NEC and Judge Advocate (E). All Chairmen were present except for Public Relations (E), Internet (E and Boys State. Districts present were 1C, 2, 3C, 4, 5C, 6, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 13, 14C, 15C, 16, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12, 36, 43, 120, 179, 208, 243, 245, 321, 388, 447, 453, 490, 511, 522, 554, 573, 593, 618, 654 and 817. A quorum was established. Following roll call, Commander Arista asked for the reading of the minutes. Motion was made by Ed Parnell, 2nd by Robert Sonnier to waive the reading of the minutes. Motion passed

Commander Arista then appointed David Blair as acting Judge Advocate for this meeting. Motion by Henry Creech, 2nd by Jon Kingston to approve the appointment. Motion passed. Mr. Creech then made a motion to extend per diem to Mr. Blair, 2nd by Thom Skelley. Motion passed

NEC---Commander Arista then asked for NEC Kingston to come forward to give his report. At this time, no report is available. However, he asked David Blair, past NEC, to come forward to report on the National Convention. NEC Kingston then made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed.

DEPARTMENT LIAISON---Henry Creech came forward to give the report. Stated that there will be a Blue Book produced by the SAL. Also, many ideas to be presented by the SAL in the upcoming future. Henry made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by George Alva. Motion passed

Department Commander Robert Watson came before the body to bring greetings and give his remarks to the body. He thanked the Detachment for their hard work and asked for their continued support of The American Legion Family and everything we do as a family.

American Legion NEC Butch Sparks came forward to bring greetings and introduce the leading candidate for American Legion National Commander, Vincent Troiola, from New York.

Department of Texas Internal Affairs Director Mike Simon came forward to bring greetings to the body. He brought many good ideas to the body. He also then presented a signed baseball to Detachment Commander Arista with a baseball from the Texas American Legion baseball tournament.

Department Finance Office Steve Cook came forward to bring greetings and inform the body of the SAL finances. He offered his services at any time.

Department Auxiliary President Teresa Simmons-Copeland attended our meeting for purpose of bringing greetings and speaking on behalf of what the Auxiliary can do for us and how we can work together.

INTERNET---No report, not present

LEGISLATIVE---Chairman Chatham came forward to give the report. He reported on various items from the past Texas Legislation sessions. Informed us of many different laws that came into effect. He presented some of those to the floor. After his report was read, he made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Robert Sonnier. Motion passed.

VE & E---Thom Skelley gave the report. He stated various ideas and points of the VE & E Committee. Following his remarks, Thom made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Parnell, Following some discussion from PDC Creech and PDC Pack, motion passed.

AMERICANISM---Chairman Parnell came forward to give the report. He asked PDC Seegers to come forward for a presentation. A National Award was presented to the 5th District and was accepted by Lewis Elam. After some brief discussion and notes to the body, John Jellison made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Roy Fowler. There was some discussion, motion passed.

VA & R---Acting Chairman Shannon Boyce came forward to give the report. Read a report from Squadron 208. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Shannon made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by John Jellison. Motion passed

BOYS STATE--- Chairman Travis Arreaga not present. No report was given. However, 3rd Division Commander Huntley made a challenge to all Squadrons to support one boy to Boys State. Henry Creech added some comments to the notes. Henry made a motion to accept all items discussed, 2nd by Brad Pack. Motion passed

CHILDREN & YOUTH/CWF--- Acting Chairman Pack and CWF Chairman Boyce gave the reports. He reported on various items the committee is working on. A complete report from both Committees is attached to these minutes. There were some items that were brought to the floor by PDC Sonnier. Motion made by Brad to accept the report, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed

MARKETING---Chairman Hartline came forward to give his report. He stated that all shirts are in and available for purchase. All officers have received their shirts. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Ray made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by George Alva. Motion passed

PUBLIC RELATIONS---Chairman Moore not present, therefore no report was given

CONVENTION CITY---Chairman Elam came forward to give his report. Stated that The American Legion will be putting on an open training class at the Mid-Winter Conference. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Motion made by Chairman Elam, 2nd by Jay McCloud. Motion passed

AWARDS---Chairman Fowler came forward to give the report. He stated that there are forms available for use on the floor. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Kevin Baker made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by John Jellison. Motion passed

PUFL--- Chairman Winkelmann gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Kevin made a motion to accept the report, 2nd by Ed Parnell Motion passed.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS/MEMBERSHIP--- Chairman Eddy Seegers came forward to give the report. He reported to the body concerning the status of membership in the Detachment. We are way behind our goals from 2020 and we need to do everything possible to push our membership

forward. One of the big topics was members who have not paid their dues for years past and if they can catch up. He brought past Membership Chairman Kingston to the podium for purpose of membership awards. He also brought forward National Membership Chairman Skelley to the podium for purpose of National announcements and requirements. John Jellison made a motion to accept the report as read, 2nd by Henry Creech. Motion passed. A second motion was made by Rich Huntley, 2nd by Ed Parnell to accept the Membership Awards report as read. Motion passed. On Sunday, 9/26/21, there was some discussion concerning Membership Awards and presentation of caps and pins.

FINANCE—Chairman Clifton Guillory came forward to give his report. Finance Officer Slaughter also came forward. He talked about various items concerning the Finance Committee. A complete report is attached to these minutes. The budget for the 2021-2022 working year is also attached. Motion was made by John Jellison to accept the report as read, 2nd by Ed Parnell. Motion passed. It was also stated that the report be put aside for audit.

CHAPLAIN---Chaplain Parnell gave the report. A complete report is attached to these minutes. Ed made a motion to accept his report, 2nd by Henry Creech to accept the report. Motion passed.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Commander Arista called the meeting back into session at 9:00 AM. Following hand salute to the colors, prayer, pledge and preamble, Commander Arista called the meeting to order. The roll call was then asked for. All officers were present except for 3rd Division Commander (E, 4th Division Commander (E, Historian (E, Judge Advocate (E and Alt. NEC. Chairman not attending were VA & R, C & Y, Public Relations (E, Internet (E and Boys State. Districts present were 1C, 2, 3C, 4, 5C, 6, 7C, 9C, 10C, 11C, 13, 14C, 15C, 16, 20C, 21C and 22. Squadrons present were 12C, 36C, 43C, 120, 179, 208, 243C, 245C, 321C, 447C, 453C, 490C, 522C, 554, 573C, 593, 618, 654 and 817. A quorum was established.

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S CAMPAIGN FUND---Report given by Campaign Chairman Ray Hartline. He stated about available funds as of today, \$15,040.00. He asked that all donations be sent to himself so he can make the deposit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None

NEW BUSINESS—There was a motion made by Rich Huntley, 2nd by Milton Chatham to have the Judge Advocate form a committee to over see the existing By-Laws for review. After discussion, motion passed. There was some discussion concerning changes already made at the Detachment Convention and the issuing of bonds for individuals hat handle the funds. 3rd Division Commander Huntley made a motion, 2nd by Milton Chatham to allow the 3rd Division Commander to handle all new business concerning the forming and/or separation of the 9th and 19th Districts. Motion passed. There was some more discussion concerning the American Legion Baseball Tournament. It was stated The American Legion and/or the Detachment Adjutant would maintain the names on the Most Outstanding Player Award for the American Legion Baseball Tournament, Motion by Eddy Seegers, second by Henry Creech. Motion passed. Brad presented letter from Department Auxiliary concerning requesting donations to help offset cost for meeting rooms at the Department Convention. Motion by Rich Huntley to support a program to advertise to local Squadrons for purpose of soliciting donations to help offset debt occurred by the Department Convention and further match up to \$1,000.00 of all donations, 2nd Jack Evans. Motion passed. A for further information was presented concerning the Auxiliary soliciting

funds, Milton Chatham made a motion to resend the motion of donation to the Auxiliary for misc. expenses, 2nd by Ed Parnell. Motion passed. Kevin Winkelmann made a motion to unanimously support Thom Skelley as a candidate for National Commander, year not stated, 2nd by George Alva. Motion passed.

Past Department Auxiliary Kim Palasota came to the floor concerning the Emergency Fund and presented a challenge for raising the most dimes in a 2-liter bottle for a dive in the pool. Commander Arista accepted the challenge.

Commander Arista then handed over the gavel to 2nd Division Commander Clifton Guillory due to leaving the meeting for personal appearances at The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary meetings

GOOD OF THE SAL—Squadron 179 made an announcement concerning the hand carved dog, from wood, that represents all areas of The American legion and First Responders, that will be presented at their Post home and will be dedicated on November 11, 2021. George Alva and John Jellison came forward to make an announcement concerning allowing nephews into the SAL as members. There was discussion on the floor and a recommendation to start at the Squadron level with a resolution. There were more fundraisers such as cutting of the hair, 3 SAL members cut their hair, total of 3,022.00 raised with other misc. donations and passing of the hat. Various Squadrons told everyone of their upcoming activities. Notes are attached. Adjutant Winkelmann then made his announcements.

Being no further business, Commander Arista asked Chaplain Parnell for the benediction. Following the benediction, Commander Arista called for the hand salute to the colors and retirement of the colors. The meeting was then adjourned at 10:00 AM

**DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
2021-2022**

AMERICANISM

Ed Parnell Chairman
Connie Waddell PDC
Ken Peters Jr. 6th District Commander

MARKETING

Ray Hartline Chairman
William Browning 17th District Commander
Gary Randall PDC

AWARDS

Royace Fowler Chairman
Kevin Baker 14th District Commander
Jon Kingston PDC

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tracy Wood Chairman
Brad Pack PDC
Dustin Fowler 11th District Commander

CWF

Shannon Boyce Chairman
Brad Pack PDC
Dustin Fowler 11th District Commander

LEGISLATIVE

Milton Chatham Chairman
Albert Areallano PDC
Joey Bess 21st District Commander

INTERNET

Gary Winters Chairman

VE & E

Thom Skelley Chairman
Terry Randall PDC

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Eddy Seegers Chairman
All 4 Vice Commanders

PUFL

Kevin Winkelmann Chairman
Steve Slaughter Finance Officer

VA & R

Bret Kleepsies Chairman
David Dew PDC
Steve Roden 1st District Comm.

BOYS STATE

Travis Arreaga Chairman
Bill Kuehner PDC
George Alva 20th District Comm

CONVENTION CITY

Lewis Elam Chairman
Joe McPeters PDC
Dustin Moore 22nd District Comm

FINANCE

Clifton Guillory Chairman
Kevin Winkelmann
Steve Slaughter Finance Officer
Henry Creech Dept. Liaison

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dustin Moore Chairman
Juan Torres PDC
David Gonzalez 15th Dist. Comm

FLYING FLAGS FOR HEROES

George Alva Chairman



Greetings from the Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander,
State of Texas, Tom Arista:

The holidays are upon us. I wish you and your family a happy holiday. This time of year should not take away our mission and focus for membership and working our programs. You will be greeting people at your post that may not have renewed their membership. Capitalize on that opportunity; always be vigilant about our main goals. There are people out there in need at this crucial time. Let's continue to reach out to our veterans, families and our communities during this holiday season.

For God and Country,

Tom Arista
Detachment Commander
Sons of The American Legion
State of Texas



Hold The Date

Detachment Commander, State of Texas
is planning his Homecoming...

A weekend out of town??

No cooking?? Eating great food??

Visiting friends??

No driving/a block of rooms at
local hotel...shuttle service??



You won't want to miss the weekend of February 19, 2022
(Friday Night Dinner – Steak Night/Post #453)
(Saturday Night Homecoming Dinner – Great Menu)
--more details to come--

Where?? ♥ ♥ The Love Post ♥ ♥

Love Field Post #453, Dallas, Texas

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times

Flying Flags For Heroes Appointment

Commander SAL 20th District of Texas <cdrsal20dist@gmail.com>

Thu 10/28/2021 9:23 PM

To: Kevin Winkelmann <knwink@msn.com>; Tom Arista <toma5thdistsons@gmail.com>; juanrtorres10@hotmail.com <juanrtorres10@hotmail.com>

SAL Detachment of Texas Commander, Tom Arista, asked me to accept the position of Detachment of Texas representative to the Flying Flags For Heroes Program supported by SAL National Commander Michael Fox.

I am honored to be asked. I humbly accept the appointment. I am prepared to learn what the job entails and what my duties and responsibilities are, and I will do my best to carry out the mission successfully. Thank you.

Respectfully,

George Alva
SAL 20th District Commander

Flying Flags For Heroes

Commander SAL 20th District of Texas <cdrsal20dist@gmail.com>

Sun 11/7/2021 9:33 PM

To: Kevin Winkelmann <knwink@msn.com>

Kevin,

I have attached a letter explaining the Flying Flags For Heroes program Commander Michael Fox endorses. Please forward the letter to all Division and District Commanders and every Squadron on your mailing list. We're going to succeed and honor our veterans. Thank you for your help.

Respectfully,

George Alva
SAL 20th District Commander

My fellow SAL members; National Sons of The American Legion Commander Michael Fox launched his 2021-2022 Service Project at the most recent national convention. It is known as Flying Flags for Heroes. FFFH honors those who paid with their lives in the service of their country. Some paid instantly, others paid over a lifetime. The program was created six years ago by a young SAL member in California named Preston Sharp when he was only 10 years old! Commander Fox's goal is to place American flags on the graves of 1,000,000 military veterans buried in local cemeteries throughout the fifty-four detachments.

Detachment of Texas Commander Tom Arista has appointed me to oversee the placement of flags in the great state of Texas. I have set our goal at 18,000 flags to be placed throughout Texas, before the next national convention. I believe that working together we can reach or surpass that goal. There is no specific day on which this is to be done. This is a SAL driven event, but you can enlist the help of your Legion Post, Auxiliary, Riders, family, friends, neighbors, community leaders, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, local schools, churches and other civic groups. You can do this several times during the year. Placing even one flag on a veteran's gravesite brings us one flag closer to achieving the goal.

It's all very simple. The 4"x6" stick flags are inexpensive. For the cost of a soft drink and hotdog you can buy 10 flags, but you can also ask for flag donations from your local retailer, hardware store, grocer, or benevolent association. Contact your local (non-National) cemetery and ask for permission to place the flags. Some cemeteries have their own flags and will allow you to use theirs. Find out how many veterans are buried in that cemetery. Pick a day and make it a community event. Contact your local media outlet. Have a brief and solemn ceremony and place the flags. Take pictures, include details, record how many flags were placed and upload the photos and information to **flyingflagsforheroes.com**. If the cemetery does not allow you to leave the flags, simply retrieve them and use them for another event.

Participating in this endeavor is an act of patriotism and a show of respect for those who served and protected our country. This is a minimal cost, high visibility activity that takes very little of your time. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your participation in making this national program a success. The success of Commander Fox's service project relies on group participation and ensuring the number of flags are recorded accurately. I've included my email address should you have any questions or suggestions. Please let me know the details of your great event(s) and let me know how many flags you place. We are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage.

For God and Country.

Respectfully,

George Alva, Commander SAL 20th District

cdrsal20dist@gmail.com

Get Involved

Do you want to get your squadron, post, unit or chapter involved?

How about your Boy Scout Troop, Jr. Auxiliary, Girl Scout, or local youth group? Don't forget to ask companies in your community to get involved.

Not sure how to help?

- visit FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com
we have a step-by-step guide to help you.

There we will direct you to all you need in setting up an event.

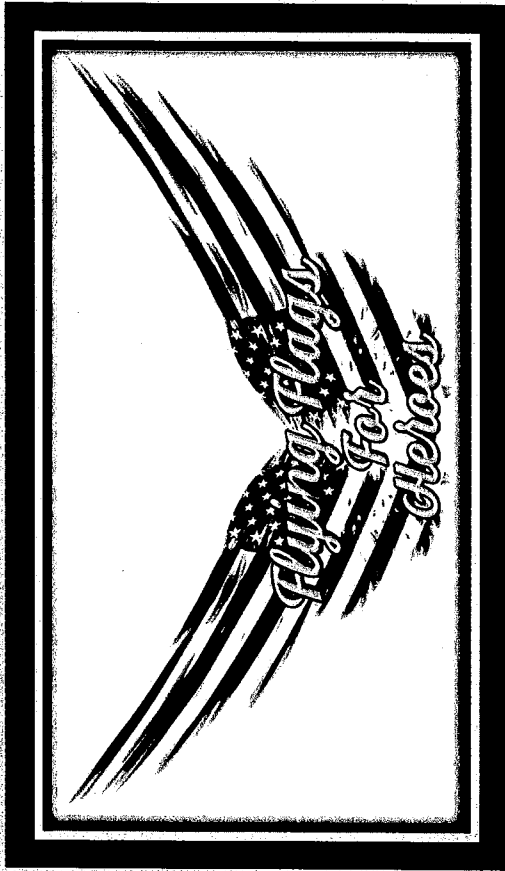
- Choose local cemetery.
- Find a group or friends that want to help get involved.
- Re-visit FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com.
- Register your event.
- Request for the S.A.L. National Commander and/or National spokesman to attend.
- Upload and share your pictures of your flag placement event.

Visit FlyingFlagsForHeroes.com to answer all your questions.

Contact Us

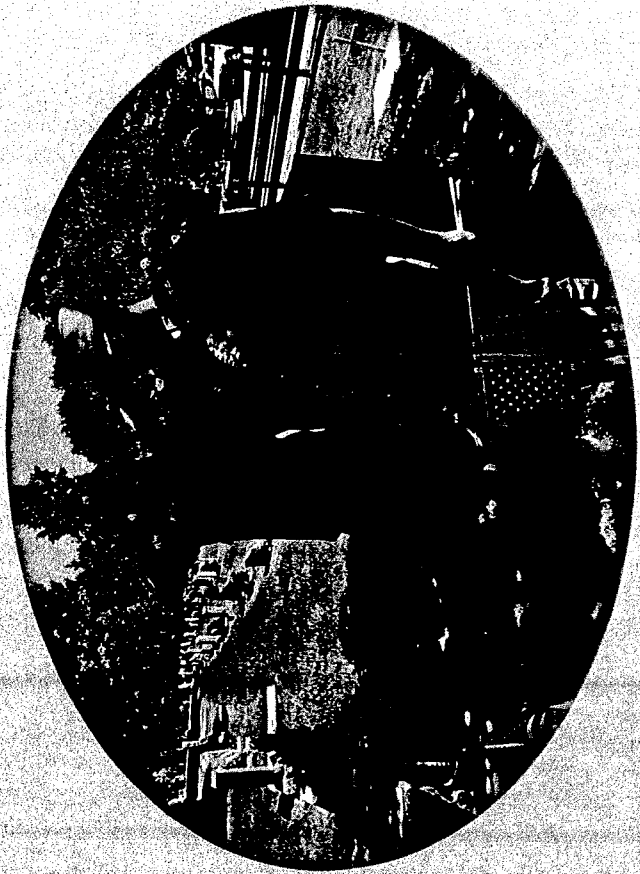
Email: flyingflagsforheroes@yahoo.com

Web: flyingflagsforheroes.com



Commander's Special Project

Flying Flags for Heroes



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Do you support our Veterans?

Join in our mission, in honoring our nations heroes,
by placing our symbol of freedom for them.

We aim to place 1 Million flags on the graves of our Veterans.

Visit your local cemetery to place an American Flag at the graves of our Veterans. We challenge every member to place a minimum of two flags next year; place one for a veteran you know and another one for a veteran you wish to honor.

Together we can make this happen.

Honor Veterans every day, not just on a holiday.



Meet National Spokesman

Preston Sharp

SHARP

I am honored to have this opportunity to help lead the Sons of The American Legion in *Flying Flags for Heroes*. I am a member of the Sons of The American Legion and honoring veterans is near and dear to my heart.

On Veterans Day in 2015 at the age of 10, while honoring my grandfather in our local cemetery, I realized that our Nations Heroes were not getting the respect that they deserve. As I placed a flag on my grandfather's grave I looked around and noticed that none of the Veterans around him had flags or flowers. This bothered me and I started to complain.

It was in that very moment that my mother taught me a valuable life lesson. She looked at me and said "If you see something wrong you can't complain about it, unless you're willing to do something."

That very night I got to work doing chores to raise money for flags so I could honor our veterans. Little did I know that just doing some chores around the house would lead to what it has become today.

Since that Veterans Day in 2015, I have started a nonprofit organization called *Veterans Flags and Flower* and have been able to place over 270,000 flags on the graves of our veterans and have been privileged to travel to over 37 states, meeting many great Veterans along the way.

People have taken notice of my efforts and my story has been aired on all major networks as well as being documented on The History Channel.

Best of all I was honored by former President Trump at the State of The Union Address and was able to visit the oval office.

I look forward to seeing what the future has in store in this continued endeavor to honor our Nation's Heroes and pay homage to those who have served. Partnering with *Flying Flags for Heroes* hoping you will want to take part as well.



Sons of The American Legion 50th Commemorative Convention Coin Design Challenge

The SAL National "50th Commemorative Convention Committee" is asking for your design ideas for the Commemorative Coin celebrating our 50th National Convention next August 26–28, 2022.

The "Design Challenge" has benefits for the designer of the winning design; The designer of the coin will receive \$500.00 and two tickets to the Commemorative Event being held on Saturday.

Will your design win??

Enter the competition and submit your ideas by the deadline: November 15th, 2021

— The Rules —

- Maximum of three (3) entries per person.
- Submittal must be received by the close of business, Monday, November 15th, 2021.
- All Design Minimums must be included in your design in order to be considered.
- Commemorative Committee's vote is the final decision in selection of design for production.
- Supplemental artwork must accompany this form at the time of submittal.
- The winning design becomes property of The American Legion at the time of selection.
- Competition is open to everyone.

— Design Minimums and Mechanicals —

- "50th National Convention" must be prominent in the design.
- "Milwaukee" must be prominent in the design.
- "2022" must be prominent in the design.
- The SAL Logo must be integrated into the design within "Emblem Use Guidelines" parameters. (see link in following).
- "Emblem Style and Use Guide" is available at: <https://archive.legion.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.12203/5445/aa002107.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
- **The remainder is up to You!!!**

Your Full Name

Your Membership Number

State

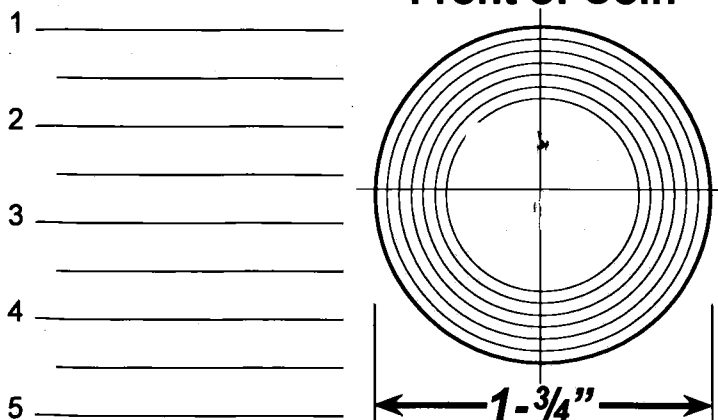
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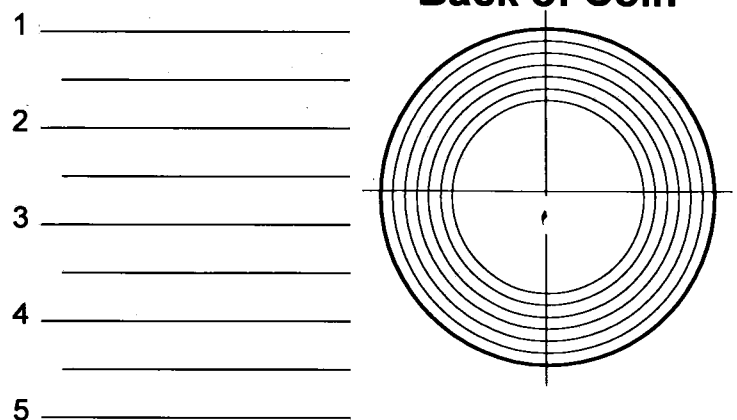
Completed design submittal is sent to: sal50thConvention@gmail.com

Please contact us with your inquiries at the e-mail address above

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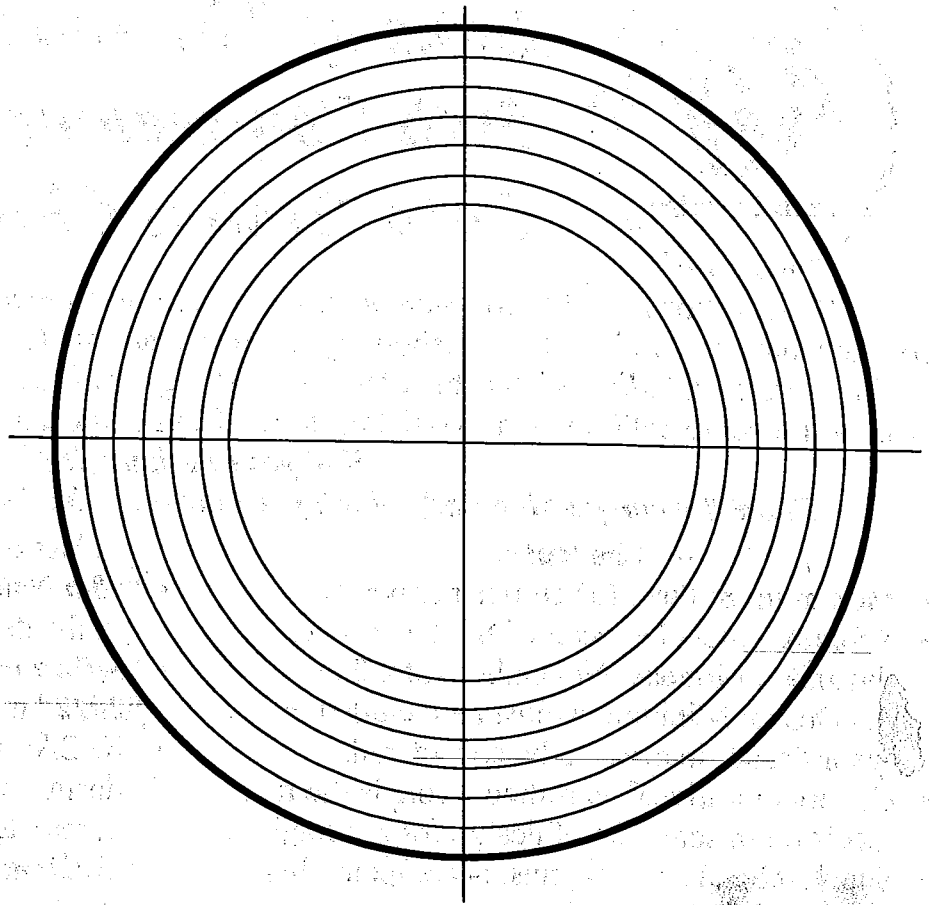


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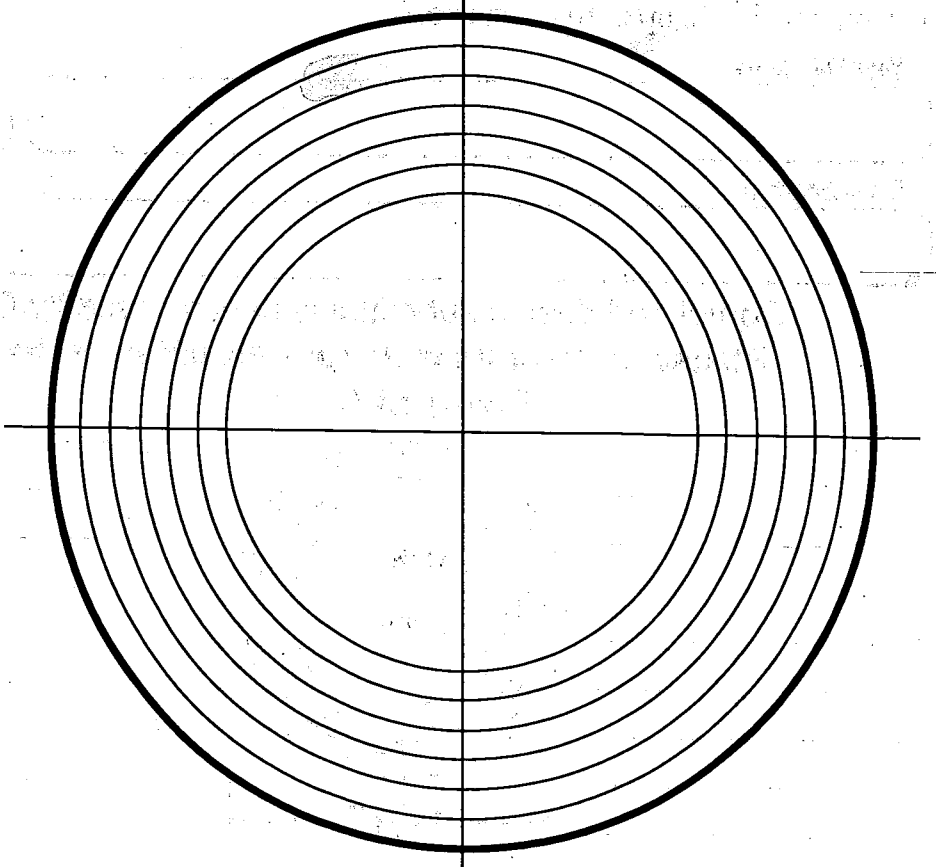
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**2021 - 2022
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 SEPTEMBER 22, 2021	10%
OCTOBER 14, 2021	25%
NOVEMBER 10, 2021	35%
DECEMBER 8, 2021	45%
JANUARY 20, 2022	60%
FEBRUARY 9, 2022	75%
MARCH 9, 2022	80%
APRIL 13, 2022	90%
MAY 11, 2022	100%
*JULY 28, 2022	105%

**DELEGATE STRENGTH TARGET DATE*

**2021-2022
MEMBERSHIP
YEAR**



National Overall Totals	
Dollars Donated	\$ 5,324,436
Volunteer Hours	1,706,138
Volunteer Hours Value	\$ 48,693,164

Pillar	Donations	Hours	Hours Value
Americanism	\$ 1,584,632	1,193,401	\$ 34,059,650
Children & Youth	\$ 722,706	112,140	\$ 3,200,461
Vets Affairs & Rehab.	\$ 872,743	132,861	\$ 3,791,839
Vets Employ & Edu.	\$ 151,929	9,842	\$ 280,891
Internal Affairs	\$ 1,992,427	257,895	\$ 7,360,323

Total Volunteer Value	\$ 54,017,600
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Americanism	
<i>Boys State / Girls State</i>	\$ 138,110 in Donations to Boys State / Girls State with 17,491 Hours of Participation
<i>Legion Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 4,896 in Donations to 5-Star / 10-Ideals Progs. with 2,089 Hours of Participation
<i>Flag Programs</i>	\$ 95,395 in Donations to Flags Presented (All) with 36,071 Hours of Participation 195,440 Flags Presented (All Sizes / Events)
<i>Flag Education</i>	\$ 17,239 in Donations to Flag Education Progs. with 4,019 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Ed. Programs</i>	\$ 296,745 in Donations to Scholarships Awarded with 5,560 Hours of Participation
<i>Oratorical Contest</i>	\$ 11,031 in Donations to Oratorical Contest with 2,096 Hours of Participation
<i>Color Guard</i>	\$ 67,168 in Donations to Color Guard with 39,254 Hours of Participation
<i>Community Service</i>	\$ 393,027 in Donations to Other Organizations with 956,323 Hours of Participation
<i>Scouting</i>	\$ 104,963 in Donations to Scouting with 37,131 Hours of Participation
<i>Jr. Shooting Sports</i>	\$ 15,047 in Donations to Jr. Shooting Sports with 8,664 Hours of Participation
<i>Am. Legion Baseball</i>	\$ 49,561 in Donations to Am. Legion Baseball with 11,440 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Teams</i>	\$ 46,314 in Donations to Other Teams with 8,769 Hours of Participation
<i>Blood Drives</i>	\$ 31,601 in Donations to Blood Drives with 3,870 Hours of Participation
<i>N.E.F.</i>	\$ 37,074 in Donations to Nat'l Emergency Fund with 1,933 Hours of Participation
<i>Legacy Schol. Fund</i>	\$ 24,648 in Donations to Legacy Scholarship Fund with 3,316 Hours of Participation
<i>Other Amer. Projects</i>	\$ 251,815 in Donations to Other Amer. Projects with 55,376 Hours of Participation

Children and Youth	
<i>CWF</i>	\$ 159,090 in Donations to Child Welfare Found. with 18,430 Hours of Participation
<i>Special Olympics</i>	\$ 104,412 in Donations to Special Olympics with 19,004 Hours of Participation
<i>CMN</i>	\$ 14,560 in Donations to Children's Miracle Net. with 664 Hours of Participation
<i>Ronald McDonald House</i>	\$ 16,861 in Donations to R. McDonald House with 1,959 Hours of Participation
<i>C.O.T.A.</i>	\$ 32,233 in Donations to Child. Org. Trans. Assn. with 2,491 Hours of Participation
<i>T.A.L. Vets. & Child. Found.</i>	\$ 28,388 in Donations to T.A.L. Vets. & Child. F. with 3,744 Hours of Participation
<i>Other C&Y Projects</i>	\$ 367,162 in Donations to Other C&Y Projects with 65,848 Hours of Participation

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	
<i>VAMCs & Facilities</i>	\$ 114,299 in Donations to VAMCs & Facilities with 18,365 Hours of Participation
<i>State Vets Facilities</i>	\$ 70,123 in Donations to State Vets Facilities with 10,392 Hours of Participation
<i>Nat'l Vets Assist. Day</i>	\$ 12,529 in Donations to Nat'l Vets. Assist. Day with 1,804 Hours of Participation
<i>O.C.W.</i>	\$ 23,767 in Donations to Op. Comfort Warriors with 1,734 Hours of Participation
<i>Fisher House</i>	\$ 61,937 in Donations to Fisher House with 3,604 Hours of Participation
<i>Other VA&R Projects</i>	\$ 590,088 in Donations to Other VA&R Projects with 96,962 Hours of Participation

Veterans Employment and Education	
<i>VE&E Projects</i>	\$ 151,929 in Donations to VE&E Projects with 9,842 Hours of Participation

Internal Affairs	
<i>Other Totals</i>	\$ 1,992,427 in Donations, Not Covered Above with 257,895 Hours, Not Covered Above

Convention City Report

Fall DEC - September 25th, 2021



Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Texas

Sons Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, January 22-23, 2022.

Austin Southpark Hotel
4140 Governor's Row
Austin, TX. 78744
(512) 448-2222

January 19 – 23, 2022 - Room Rate for 2022 is \$121.00

Be sure to call and make your Mid-Winter Conference hotel stay reservations at your earliest convenience. Also, the 2022 Convention for the Son's meeting on Friday, July 15th, Saturday 16th, and Sunday 17th, 2022 will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd, rate is \$113.00 per day. Reservation cutoff date is June 15, 2022.

The Son's will have training at our Mid-Winter Conference. This will be a great opportunity to share and should be a very informative conference as we all have been focusing on our Squadron Buddy Checks, Member Retention activities, myLegion.org, and preparing for our Annual Reporting "CSRs".

If you are a Dual Member, please be aware that during the upcoming American Legion Department of Texas Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, January 22, 2021, the Legion will provide Training sessions over Membership, myLegion.org, and the 5-Year Plan. According to Tom Murty of Bryan Post 159 of the Legion's Leadership-Training Committee, the location and times have not been determined at this time. The Training Schedule should be posted on the American Legion Texas Department's website www.texaslegion.org under Convention "MID-WINTER Agendas" <https://txlegion.org/Files/Meeting%20agendas.pdf> by November 2021.

Convention City Committee attendees:

Lewis Elam, Chairman

Ed Mosley, Commander of Wynnewood Squadron 511 in Dallas, Texas

Marketing Report

Ann Hartline <ahartline2@gmail.com>

Tue 9/28/2021 10:06 AM

To: Kevin Winkelmann <KNWINK@msn.com>

Marketing:

Marketing did not meet today, Sept. 25, 2021, no one beside myself was here.

I turned in \$507 after our Dept. Convention from merchandise.

We have purchased new shirts for this year. They are Red. our cost on them was \$1329.00 and I am proud to say that we sold \$830 at the Fall DEC.

For God, Country and Veterans

Ray Hartline

Legislative Committee Report
September 25, 2021

The Legislative Committee met at 9:45, September 25, 2021, with Milton R. Chatham, PDC, Chairman and PDC Albert Areallano. 8th District Commander Lambert was absent. The following report is hereby rendered.

1. The House Veteran Affairs Committee-\$15,200,000.00 passed t through the House Budget Committee and is part of the Reconciliation package and us primarily for hospital renovations and replacements.

2. On September 21, TAL testified to House Veterans Service Committee on economic opportunity

3. HR 1836-Guard and Reserve Parity Act of 2021 was referred to Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

4. Texas passed 666 laws that became effective September 1, 2021.

- a. SB2- nearly \$250 billion for Texas with notable funds going toward public higher education.
- b. HB 1927-Permittless Carry-21 y/o and older can carry hand guns without training or license as long as they are not legally prevented from doing so.
- c. HB 3979 limits teachers from discussing current events and systemic racism in class. It also prevents students from receiving credits for participating in civic engagement and bans teaching of the "1619: Project.
- d. Star Spangled Banner Protection Act-professional sport teams with state funding are required to play the National Anthem before games under SB4.
- e. HB 1925 makes camping in unapproved public places a misdemeanor crime that carries a fine of up to \$500.00.

Respectively submitted

PDC Milton R. Chatham
Chairman

AMERICANISM REPORT
DETACHMENT OF TEXAS
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
STATE CONVENTION 2021

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Ed Parnell
COMMITTEE MEMBER: Kerry McKellips

The Committee met on 7/9/2021 at 5:30pm at the Committee Chair's hotel room.
We went through all of the SCR's and totaled the numbers in the Americanism section.

After totaling all sections of the Americanism section of the CSR's, we continued on to divide the CSR's into the Small, Medium, and Large categories. After dividing the CSR's we went thru all of them and found the best Squadron from each category for best Squadron. The criteria that we used were an overall best usage of the Americanism categories. It always is hard to choose as these criteria have to be weighed against each other for the best outcome.

The best Squadrons were as follows:
Small: 573-Jack D. Levy Harker Heights
Medium: 321-Harding Blaine Plano
Large: 473-Love Field Dallas

Submitted: Ed Parnell, Americanism Committee

SAL 2021 Fall DEC

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 24, 2021

The SAL Finance Committee Meeting for 2021 Fall DEC was held in the SAL Meeting Room on Friday, September 24, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM

Members present:

Eddy Seegers

Jon Kingston

Henry Creech

Tom Arista

Steve Slaughter

We reviewed the proposed budget for 2021-2022 for the SAL. One highlight of the budget is an increase from \$50 to \$60 per day for the call-in beginning with the 2022 Mid-Winter Meeting. A copy of the budget is attached.

Henry Creech made a motion to pay additional expenses to PDC Eddy Seegers, NEC David Blair, and Alternate NEC to cover additional expenses incurred with their recent travel to the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. These expenses include items such as travel to airport, parking at airport, transfers from airport to hotel and back, parking at airport, etc. These expenses total less than \$500. Tom Arista seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the committee.

Henry Creech made a motion to pay a one-day call of \$50 to Steve Slaughter for attending the Americanism meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at the Southpoint Hotel. Eddy Seegers seconded. The motion was approved by the committee.

The committee discussed if we should pay Clifton Guillory for attending the Americanism committee meeting. Since he was not required to attend, there was no motion made on the issue.

Eddy Seegers made a motion to pay Roy Fowler a one-day call of \$50 since he had to deliver the awards on Friday and do other preparation for the Awards Banquet. Henry Creech seconded. The motion was approved by the committee.

We discussed changing the Finance by-laws concerning pay to the attend NEC, and National Convention. We will review how National pays to attend these meetings and plan to pay our Commander, NEC and Alternated NEC the same if they do not already receive a call from National. This will be reviewed at the 2022 Mid-Winter meeting.

Having no other business, we adjourned at 12:12.

Sons of the American Legion

Budget 2021-2022

<i>Account</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>New Year Budget</i>
Income Accounts		
40009XSA	Sal Dues Income	79,350.00
43100XSA	Registration Detachment Conv.	1,100.00
42110XSA	Merchandise Sales	1,700.00
45900XSA	Misc. & Other Income-Boys State	0.00
44130XSA	Interest Income	0.00
69010PSA	SAL National Dues Expense	-26,450.00
	Net Receipts:	55,700.00
Expense Accounts		
70500PSA	Awards--Trophies	1,200.00
70510PSA	Awards--Membership	1,700.00
70520PSA	Awards--PUFLs 5@450	2,250.00
81008PSA	Officers Shirts and Covers	2,000.00
71400ASA	Bank Charges	0.00
71600PSA	Boys State Program	300.00
72500DSA	Detachment Commander Expense	4,500.00
74350PSA	Detachment Adjutant Expense-SA	4,000.00
72504DSA	Detachment Chaplain Expense	100.00
72506DSA	Detachment Historian Expense	150.00
72508DSA	Detachment Finance Officer Expense	150.00
72510DSA	Detachment Sergeant- at- Arms Exp.	0.00
72550PSA	Commander's Assistance SAL	500.00
73600ASA	CWF Donation	500.00
73601XSA	Nat'l Emergency Fund	500.00
73602XSA	SAL Nat'l Campain Fund	1,000.00
74320PSA	Nat'l Representatives Expense	3,350.00
74500PSA	Detachment Convention Expense	10,050.00
76000TSA	Fall DEC Meeting	5,500.00
79400PSA	Mid-Winter Meeting	6,800.00
80000PSA	Nat'l Convention Expense	5,000.00
81001PSA	SAL Blue Books	1,000.00
81006PSA	Merchandise Expense	2,000.00
84900PSA	Emergency Fund	0.00
88500PSA	Division Commander--1st	750.00
88502PSA	Division Commander--2nd	750.00
88504PSA	Division Commander--3rd	750.00
88506PSA	Division Commander--4th	750.00
84500DSA	Administrative Contingency Fund	250.00
95130003	Website Maintenance	100.00
	Total Expenses:	55,700.00

CWF + C+Y Report

9-25-21

Tracey Wood
Shannon Boyce
Brad Pack
Brett Kleespies

Turned into National \$ ~~9756~~ \$ 9756⁰⁰

Next Fundraiser Draw on Sunday at State meeting July 10, 2022
Cornhole boards Sons Emblems + Flags

\$250⁰⁰ Gift Card

\$150⁰⁰ " "

\$50⁰⁰ " "

\$50⁰⁰ who sells most tickets

Raised \$1000⁰⁰ last night

Pool tournament at 83 tonight

Next year cornhole tournament at 83

CWF

Keeniville 208 \$500⁰⁰

Plains 321 \$500⁰⁰

231 \$500⁰⁰

David Blair 36 \$500⁰⁰

\$ 60⁰⁰

18th ~~18th~~ Dist \$ 2,696.⁰⁰

~~Rep~~ Dect TR \$5,000.⁰⁰

\$ 9,756.⁰⁰

Turned in at national convention Phoenix 2021

Bret Kleespies
VA&R Report (9-25-21)

Donated \$500.00 For Help w/ Funeral
Expenses for James Crowfoot a DVE 1 Member
of Post 208

Helped Move Furniture out of Apartment
of a Veteran who Past Away.

Replaced a Tattered Flag for a Veteran
at His House.

60 Hours Building office For SAL $\frac{1}{2}$
Auxiliary at Post 208.